

Over \$100,000 embezzled in school funds

Charlotte Smith
Editor

After spending countless hours pouring over the June 30, 2013 fiscal year financial records for the Fulton County School District, Jason Anderson with Alexander, Thompson and Associates (ATA) presented the 2012-2013 Fiscal Report to the school board. "It has been a challenging year," noted Anderson on Thursday night, Feb. 20. "We landed on a qualified opinion, not ideal."

In the 58 page report, ATA touched on an apparent "misappropriation of assets," stating the following "During the year it was discovered that an employee of the district misappropriated funds in excess of \$100,000 over the course of multiple years. The misappropriation was largely attributable to the general fund and was recorded as various expenses for which there was no underlying support or benefit to the district."

This caused ATA to do a lot of work to get to the point where they had numbers they were comfortable with in order to complete the audit. "We were able to submit the audit to the Kentucky

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Annesha Jackson and Anna-Reid Garrigan

Pilot Academy celebrates successes

Charlotte Smith
Editor

Three years ago a man had a dream and slowly that dream of his is becoming reality for the students at Fulton County High School (FCHS). Robbie Rudolph, a graduate of Fulton High School, created the Four Rivers Scholarship Foundation. Since then, with the help of Fulton County's administration, educational partners like West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC), Murray State University (MSU), and the Fulton County Area Technology Center

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Photo by Evan Jones

EERIE SIGHT - This apparent funnel cloud was captured by Evan Jones near his cabin located north of Reelfoot Lake. It reportedly touched town for a few seconds. The cabin is near the Kentucky/Tennessee state line.

Distillery operational by year's end

Charlotte Smith
Editor

"It's been forever and a day since a new distillery of any type has been built in the state of Kentucky," stated Ray Jamieson. Jamieson, an attorney from Memphis, Tenn., purchased the 15 acre parcel of land in 2006, built the grain and fermentation building in 2007 and erected the still tower in 2009.

Since that time Jamieson has had to jump through many hoops at both the state and federal levels. "We have already applied for and received our federal license," he said. "We recently applied for our state license to distill our product and for sampling and selling of commemorative bottles on the premises."

A projected time of completion on the facility, which is located on a historic site, is six to eight months from now. Facing many obstacles along the way, over the last seven years, Jamieson has learned humility and patience. "We are working to complete the electricity and water before we can turn on the still," he said. "At that time, everyone gets to look at it yet again." Many aspects of the project have been inspected over the years including electric, health, mechanical and plumbing, at both the state and federal levels.

Jamieson was in Hickman on Friday, Feb. 21 meeting with his plumber, electrician and well driller, providing *The Courier* with a brief glimpse of the fermentation house complete with four fermentation tanks. These tanks hold approximately 8,400 gallons. Just outside there are five grain bins that are connected to a Roscamp roller miller, powered by a 75 hp motor.

Jamieson is optimistic that the full column still and double boiler at the



Photo by Charlotte Smith

A LONG TIME COMING - Ray Jamieson has been waiting patiently for over seven years to begin producing bourbon in Hickman at his distillery facility located on Union City Highway. Jamieson is optimistic he will be operational by the end of 2014. He proudly displays a portion of his equipment located in the 60 feet tower.

continuation distillation plant will be producing bourbon before the end of the year. "This facility will greatly distinguish itself from that of others located in Kentucky and Tennessee because ours are not pot stills," explained Jamieson. "We will be able to produce 65 barrels of bourbon every four days as it is and could configure it to go up to 97 barrels with modifications." That is the big difference between the two operations.

Some of the obstacles Jamieson has faced over the years includes the fact that some of the current distilleries

located in Kentucky such as Wild Turkey, Heaven Hill and Makers Mark have been here so long that they have been grandfathered in. "Yes, Wild Turkey has added to their facility and facilities like Heaven Hill and Makers Mark who have been around since the mid 1930s have rebuilt their stills, but their still facilities haven't had to face the current regulations."

Master distiller Curtis Smoot, 37 years experience, and Danny Sims, 35 years experience, have both been

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Hickman plant looks to survive

Charles Choate
Courier Correspondent

Back in the 1990's, Hickman Pipe and Tube was a busy industry in the city.

At its peak, over 80 employees worked three shifts around the clock, making the company's one-inch to four-inch sprinkler system pipes that were transported all over the nation.

But now, the 26 year old plant is on life support, hoping to possibly start again with the current ownership, or with a new interested party of owners.

Plant Manager Todd Eddington, who started with the company in 2001, is the only employee left at the riverfront facility these days, with hopes for a resurgence for its product.

"When the economy went bad, it really hurt us," said Eddington. "We were supplying sprinkler systems to new plants and businesses and upgrades to existing places, but when the economy turned, new building stopped and existing plants cut back on spending."

Eddington said during the boom of the Hickman plant, over 100 tractor trailer trucks per month were hauling their finished fabricated product.

"When the country went into the slump, the owner told me that he could import the same type finished pipe and do it at a cheaper price than having it made here. Since that time, new tariffs have made it more expensive to do, and now many companies want only the pipe that is labeled "Made in the

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Amberg



Hopper

Two running for sheriff

Charlotte Smith
Editor

Both candidates running for Fulton County Sheriff in the May Democratic Primary, John Amberg and Bobby Hopper, graduated from Fulton County High School (FCHS). John Amberg is vying for incumbent Hopper's office.

John Amberg, 49 years old, attends Walnut Log Baptist Church with his wife. They have five children and four grandchildren. Amberg has a vast amount of work experience including positions with the City of Hickman as a dispatcher, police officer, mechanic, lines foreman and Public Works Director. He also was employed at Goodyear Tire and Rubber for 13 and 1/2 years. He was a Special Deputy

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Sheriff's Office recovers stolen property

Property reported stolen from Stella Jones last week has been recovered. According to Fulton County Sheriff Bobby Hopper an employee of the facility, Salvador Byassee, was arrested in Hickman County for Receiving Stolen Property. "Most of the materials and the trailer have been recovered," noted Sheriff Hopper. "There will be an arrest made in Fulton County as soon as the warrant is processed."

During the President's Day holiday 22 sheets of blandex, 50 2x4's and a trailer were reported missing on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Waterfowl ordinance looks to develop land, educate hunters

Charlotte Smith
Editor

Recognizing that the use of local resources in Fulton County are currently underutilized with regard to aspects of economic development resources which could be developed and marketed for economic development purposes, the Fiscal Court held a first reading, on its way to establishing the Fulton County Wildlife and Waterfowl Conservation and Education Board.

Forfeitures collected in lieu of property forfeitures in certain District Court cases will be utilized to develop and manage existing public use facilities for outdoor recreation. "Our county is nationally recognized by waterfowl enthusiasts and bird watchers," stated Fulton County Attorney Rick Major. "Rare birds are found here and bloggers have written about it extensively."

Major believes developing the land in Fulton County for public use and promoting the education and



Photo by Barbara Anwill

Snow geese in Fulton County.

instruction of hunting, fishing, and boating will positively tie tourism and economic development in the county. "We receive very little assistance in the

state wildlife management budget for development in our county," he added. "In contrast, Missouri has made the development of their existing resources

a real priority and this development has negatively impacted Fulton County in the last ten years."

A board, consisting of the County Attorney and a Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resource officer as ex officio members, and a member of the Fulton County Fiscal Court as well as two private citizens who reside in the county will administer the disposition of any funds that are collected from forfeitures, donations, or public appropriation.

Depending on the availability of funds, the Board would be authorized to work with public or private groups to promote safety and education; to develop comprehensive waterfowl management programs; to develop or lease and regulate refuge areas; and to work with private citizens to develop the infrastructure necessary to promote the conservation, education, and

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Mrs. Mary Woodson
Robert H. Griffith
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Rev. Robert C. King, Sr.
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Saturday League Basketball starts at 9 a.m.

RIVER STAGE FORECASTS

OHIO RIVER AT CAIRO, ILL.

Wednesday, Feb. 26 – 38.4
Thursday, Feb. 27 – 39.7
Friday, Feb. 28 – 39.7
Saturday, March 1 – 39.3
Sunday, March 2 – 39.1








Anna-Reid Garrigan is now one of thirty students invited to participate in the final round of one-on-one interviews at Murray State University on March 3. MSU will be awarding 12 Presidential Fellowship Scholarships. Garrigan attended honors day, along with Will Moore, on February 8.



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Your Local Weather

Thu 2/27	Fri 2/28	Sat 3/1	Sun 3/2	Mon 3/3
 31/23 Sunny. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the low 20s.	 41/24 Light wintry mix. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the low 30s.	 37/27 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 30s.	 36/24 Mix of rain and freezing rain. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 30s.	 39/29 A few snow showers. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s.

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Turning Back The Clock

25 Years Ago
June 8, 1989
Obituary: Cecil Ams, 57.

Bill Murray has been selected as "Fireman of the Month" for June by members of the Hickman Volunteer Fire Department.

First District Representative Charles Geveden is presenting a \$6,777.95 check to Hickman Mayor Judy Powell to pay for two used police cars and the equipment necessary to put the cars into operation. The check was from the State Area Development Fund.

Pvt. Randall L. Davis was awarded a diploma from the United States Army Armor School in Fort Knox, on March 3. Davis diligently pursued and successfully completed the MI Abrams Tank systems Mechanic Course.

Phillip Thomason and Pamela Pendergrass, Historic Preservation consultants, will be in Hickman during the next few weeks making a study to identify architecturally and historically significant properties within the Hickman city limits. Visions Development, Inc., has received a grant from the Kentucky Heritage Council for this survey.

125 Years Ago
September 15, 1889
Mr. Chess Smith of Smith, Ellison and Co. is visiting St. Louis and other cities, buying fall and winter goods.

A spoke and handle factory will shortly be in operation at Mayfield, Ky.

Dee Amberg of the old reliable firm of J. Amberg and sons is in the large cities buying fall and winter merchandise.

The farmers are making good use of the season made by the late rains for breaking up their stubble ground, as a large portion of it will be sown again this fall.

50 Years Ago
September 3, 1964
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Williams of Hickman have announced the engagement of their daughter, Frieda to Robert Green Templeton son of Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Templeton of Clinton.

The Fulton County Pilots will open their home football season in their new stadium Friday when they entertain their cross county rivals, the Fulton Bulldogs.

Hickman made the newspaper in Wurzburg, Germany recently. According to E.W. James' nephew, Lieut. Ed Baco, who is stationed in Wurzburg, he read that Hickman is interested in buying a river boat. The news item was run in the Hickman Courier and area newspapers several weeks ago. The Hickman Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the "hunt."

75 Years Ago
September 8, 1939
Hickman ought to go down in history as the originator of

the "blackout" system now being used by Paris, London, Berlin and other important cities in Europe. Since June 1, the city has been perfectly safe from detection from the sky at night, and therefore safe from air raids. Just when the street lighting will be switched on no one seems to know.



Photo by Charlotte Smith

LINEMAN SCHOOL GRADUATE – Hickman Electric System General Manager Dale Vowell (left) congratulates Blake Eakes on his accomplishment of earning a 92.7 score on the Lineworker Final Exam. The exam encompasses four years of learning and training. Eakes completed the Lineman Apprenticeship Program in January 2014. "We are very proud of Blake's hard work," stated Vowell. "He has been employed with Hickman Electric System since October 2008."



Photo by Charlotte Smith

RAISING THE FLAG – On Thursday, Feb. 20 members of Woodmen of the World presented a flag to the Hickman Chamber of Commerce. Those present for the ceremony include (l to r) Hickman Chamber of Commerce Board President Phyllis Bryant, Woodmen of the World Representatives Julia Davis and Kathi Lattus, Hickman Mayor and American Legion member David Lattus, and President of the Local Chapter of Woodmen of the World Joe Mack Brunswick. The flag is now on display near the gazebo on the bluff behind the Carnegie Museum.



A LOOK BACK AT THE '56 WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM - Members of the 1956 Western High School Basketball team are standing (l to r) 8th grade manager Billy Williams, Joe Thomas Williams, Dale Craddock, Billy Abernathy, Robert Hamblen, Frank Parker, Jr., Donald Coffey, William Hodge, Lewis Parnell, Lawrence Haney, Leland Clack, and Coach Bobby McCord; and front row Cheerleaders, Norma Jean Bradshaw, Suedell Parker, Marcella Kemp, and Anna Faye Abernathy.

Grant program links public, private groups to improve the environment and preserve resources

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications for competitive grants to develop and accelerate conservation approaches and technologies on private agricultural and forest lands.

Clifford Thornton, Acting State Conservationist for NRCS in Kentucky said, "Conservation Innovation Grants activate creativity and problem-solving to benefit conservation-minded farmers and ranchers." He said about \$150,000 will be made available in Kentucky by NRCS. State and local governments, federally recognized Indian tribes, non-governmental and educational organizations, private businesses and individuals are eligible to apply.

The grants are funded through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). At least 50 percent of the total cost of CIG projects must come from non-federal matching funds, including cash and in-kind

contributions provided by the grant recipient. "These grants are critical for developing and demonstrating new ideas for conservation on America's private lands and strengthening rural communities," Thornton added. In the 10 years that NRCS has administered the program, grants have helped develop water quality trading markets, demonstrated ways to increase fertilizer water and energy efficiencies, as well as address other resource concerns.

For more information on this grant opportunity, visit <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ky/programs/financial/cig/>. To apply electronically, visit www.grants.gov or send to Tibor Horvath, Kentucky CIG Program Manager. Applications sent via USPS mail, express mail or overnight courier service must be sent to the following address:

USDA-NRCSIG Program, 771 Corporate Drive, Suite 210, Lexington, KY 40503

Applications must be

received by NRCS before 4 p.m. on April 25, 2014.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service helps America's farmers and ranchers conserve the nation's soil, water, air and other natural resources.

Adult Beginning Sewing Workshop opportunity

The Cooperative Extension Purchase Area Master Clothing Volunteers will teach a beginning sewing class for adults starting in March. The classes will be held at the Hickman County Extension Office, 329 James H Philips Drive in Clinton from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays, March 6, March 13, and March 20.

A registration fee of \$30 will cover the cost of the pattern and some supplies and should be paid by February 28. Only a sewing machine is to be brought the first day of class. A supply

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Deed Transfers

The following Deed Transfers were recorded in the office of Fulton County Clerk Betty Abernathy Tuesday, Feb. 18 – Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014:

Suntrust Mortgage Inc. of Richmond, Va. to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation of McLean, Va., property in city of Fulton, Ky., value \$15,667.00, Feb. 18.

Joe C. Moss to Joseph A. Nelson and wife Cassandra M. Nelson, property in city of Fulton, Ky., value \$11,000.00, Feb. 20.

William A. Homra, as Executor of the Estate of Alex Noffel, Jr. to Bobby Moore, property in city of Fulton, Ky., value \$20,000.00, Feb. 20.

Dave Says...

by Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,
I know you hate payday loan companies. Do you feel the same way about check-cashing companies?
Brian
Dear Brian,
Check-cashing companies are not a good deal, but they're nowhere near as bad as payday lenders. All check-cashing businesses do is charge a fee to cash a check.

Honestly, it's kind of silly to me that places like this can make money when all you have to do is walk into a bank and open an account. But there's a percentage of our population that people in financial circles call "unbanked." This means they avoid banks for whatever reason, but in the process they



Dave Ramsey

leave themselves susceptible to bad deals like this.

So I don't feel the same way about check-cashing companies as I do about payday lenders. It's still not a financially smart move to pay a storefront operation a fee just to cash a check, but these businesses aren't nearly as abusive as payday lenders.

—Dave

**Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. He's authored four New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover and Entreladership. His newest book, written with his daughter Rachel Cruze, is titled Smart Money Smart Kids. It will be released April 22nd. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 6 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.*

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JOURNALISM CLASS STUDENTS - Fulton County Middle School students are contributing articles to *The Hickman Courier*. The students write about events and issues that are currently affecting their school. Those students include: (front row, l to r) Marlena Sipes, Grace Elder, Josie Prehoda, Dragan Schmidt, and Taivion Sanders; (middle row, l to r) Ashanta Johnson, Cailey Prehoda, Lily Wheeler, and Jerome Warren; and (back row, l to r) Abbie Wheeler and Retiaszha Chambers.

Girl Scout earns highest honor for creating children's reading centers

Raleigh, N.C.— Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines congratulates Destiny Victoria Oakley of Quantico, Va., for earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, which is the highest achievement in Girl Scouting.

Oakley began work on her Gold Award while residing in New Bern and attending Havelock High School. For her project, Kids Korner, Oakley combined her desire to encourage a love of reading and a desire to help families in local emergency room and pharmacy waiting rooms. She built colorful bookshelves and filled them with donated books and activity books she designed to teach the children the importance of reading and healthy living. She then used these books and bookshelves to create children's waiting areas.

Oakley saw an opportunity to help families keep children occupied while waiting and encourage the development of reading skills at the same time.

"I combined these issues and gave children a good book to keep them entertained through long waits, while letting parents or guardians have the least stressful visit possible," stated Oakley.

By earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, Oakley has developed skills for becoming a successful leader and gained professional skills that will help her throughout her lifetime. Oakley felt she grew as a leader by connecting with adults in her community to turn her project into a reality.

Oakley faced the challenge of relocating after beginning her project. With careful planning and determination, she was able to furnish two waiting rooms with Kid's Korner. Oakley's Girl Scout Gold Award represents the completion of many hours of challenging work.

Oakley's accomplishments reflect leadership and citizenship skills that set her apart as she joins the other approximate-

ly one million Girl Scouts that have earned this award or its equivalent since 1916. The Girls Scouts' highest award stands for excellence and leadership for girls everywhere.

"Through her project, Destiny has demonstrated she possesses the proven qualities of a community leader. Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award is truly a remarkable achievement," said Lisa Jones, chief executive officer of Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines. "Destiny took two separate issues and merged them into one successful project."

Oakley is the daughter of Master Sgt. and Mrs. Jonathan and Tori Oakley; granddaughter of Joe and Vicky Greer of Hickman and great-granddaughter of the late James and Virginia Jo Greer and Richard and Lou Wainscott, all of Hickman. She currently attends Quantico Middle High School. Oakley has been in Girl Scouts since 2002 and is a member of Girl Scout Troop #581 led by Cindy Lanier and Tori Oakley. In addition to Girl Scouting, Oakley participates in 4-H and student council.

Some universities and colleges offer scholarships unique to Gold Award recipients, and girls who enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces may receive advanced rank in recognition of their achievements.

About the Gold Award

The Girl Scout Gold Award represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting; it recognizes girls in grades nine through twelve who demonstrate extraordinary leadership, planning and organizational skills through "take action" projects that provide a sustainable benefit to their community. Awarded to fewer than six percent of Girl Scouts annually, each Gold Awardee spends one to two years on her project. During 2012, Girl Scouts – North Carolina Pines bestowed the Girl Scout Gold Award on 43 girls.

Sewing

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list of sewing kit items will be distributed during the first class, after the items on the list have been explained.

The target audience is adults who have never sewn before, never touched a sewing machine, or always wanted to learn how to sew correctly. Class instruction will begin at the very basic level. Each participant will make a skirt or a pair of sleeping pants from woven fabric. This will prove to be a fun and exciting series of classes!

For additional information call the Fulton County Extension Office at 270-236-2351. Class size is limited, so register early. Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Caring for her heart: "Heart disease more prevalent among women than men"

By Daisy Benigno, MD

When most of us think of a heart attack victim, chances are, we picture a man. However, a woman's risk of having a heart attack is higher than a man's – and heart attacks are still the leading cause of death among women.

Cardiovascular disease is the number-one killer of women over age 40, and the risk rises with age. Despite this evidence, just 34 percent of women in a 2000 national American Heart Association survey correctly named heart disease as a leading cause of death – and only 8 percent could identify it as their number-one health threat.

Traditionally, men have gotten the bad rap for their reluctance to visit the doctor, and the stereotype of the negligent male patient and the more health-conscious wife, daughter or girlfriend endures. However, the rate of heart disease and related risk factors are actually increasing in women, and decreasing in men. There are many reasons for this disparity.

Atypical symptoms

Heart attack symptoms for women can be different than those that typically occur for men and often, women dismiss these symptoms as being a sign of stress, a panic attack or fatigue.

Heart Attack Symptoms for Women Include:

Traditional Symptoms

- Chest pain

- Pain down the left arm

Atypical Symptoms

- Stomach ache

- Nausea or vomiting
- Unexplained sweating
- Unusual shortness of breath
- Fatigue

Don't ignore any of these symptoms! Call your doctor or have a friend take you to the ER immediately.

Biological factors

Certain biological factors that only affect women carry a certain degree of heart disease risk.

• Health occurrences during a woman's pregnancy – once thought to have no significant bearing on her long-term health – now have been determined to be contributing risk factors for heart problems. A woman who develops preeclampsia (pregnancy-induced hypertension), gestational diabetes, or high blood pressure during pregnancy increases her risk for glucose intolerance, obesity, diabetes and hypertension later in life – all risk factors for heart disease. In fact, according to the National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute, 80 percent of women ages 40 to 60 have at least one risk factor for heart disease.

• Menopause is also thought to contribute to elevated heart disease risk, because in addition to the drop in estrogen production, post-menopausal women also experience changes in the walls of the blood vessels (making it easier for plaque and blood clots to form), a drop in HDL (good) cholesterol and an increase in LDL (bad) cholesterol, and an increase in the level of fibrinogen in the

blood, a substance that makes it easier for the blood to clot.

• Some heart conditions affect only women due to the structure of a woman's heart, and women often have a more difficult recovery, post-heart attack. Recent studies have shown that a type of heart disease known as coronary micro vascular disease (MVD), which affects the heart's smallest arteries, is more common in women. And, standard tests for coronary heart disease don't always detect MVD in women, according to the National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute. Thus, women once thought to be at lower risk for heart disease may have actually gone undiagnosed.

• Finally, women are more likely than men to suffer depression following a heart attack, and are less successful at adopting new – and healthier – lifestyle habits. Therefore, their risk of a repeat heart attack is higher.

Parkway Regional Hospital is interested in your heart health. Join PRH in focusing on this important topic during National Heart Month in February.

This information is not intended to replace the advice of your doctor, but rather to increase awareness and help equip patients with information and facilitate conversations with your physician that will benefit your health.



Happy Birthday

The Hickman Courier wishes all these good folks a very happy birthday! Help make their days more special by remembering them with a card or a phone call.

March 3 – Whitson Linder.

March 4 – David Harrison, Carol Coulson, Kaye Shaw, Phil Craddock, and Kim Gard.

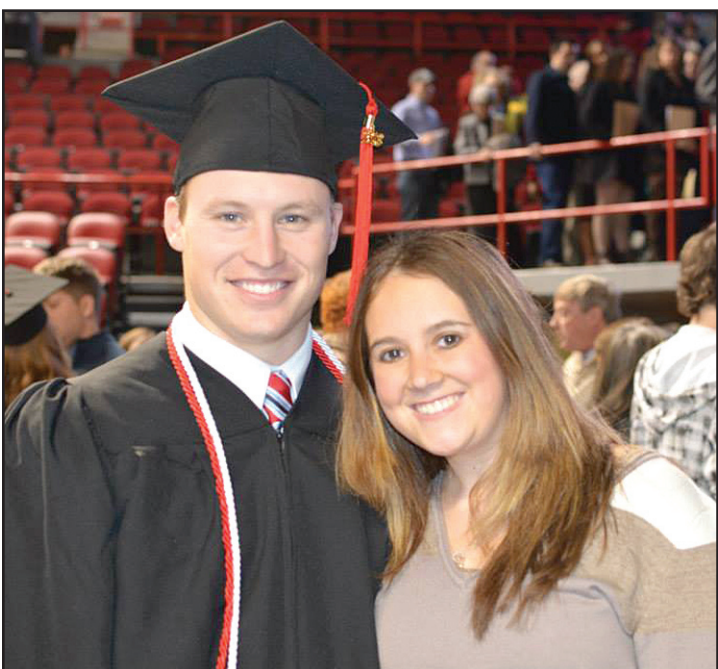
March 5 – Mark Carlton, Susan Brann, Frances Bowen, Holly Mansfield, and Mildred Johnson.

March 6 – Helen Taylor, James Wayne Ross, and Jacob Markle.

March 7 – Kim Green Hagler, Don McClanahan, J.P. Amberg, Christopher Brunswick, James Shell, Ashley Malone Carlton, and Laura Voorhees Mudd.

March 8 – Alma Mills Braton, Eli Powell, Emily Powell Smith, Connie Ferguson Faircloth, Joy Kemp, and Amber Nicole Bradshaw.

March 9 – Marvin Tucker, Les Kelly, and Robert Goodman.



GRADUATE OF WEST KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY - Vercel Tyler Vowell (left) of Hickman, Ky., was among the Fall 2013 graduates from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Ky., where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. Also pictured is Lacy Roberson.



Senior Spirit

By Christina Corrigan

Ten tips to enjoying your food, by eating less

You can always enjoy your meals while making small adjustments to the amounts of food that you have on your plate.

Healthier meals may start with more vegetables and fruits but add some small portions of protein and grains. And don't forget dairy, include fat-free or low-fat dairy products on your plate, or drink milk with your meal.

Getting to know some of the foods you eat – Use the health planner which is like a diary you can find at Wal-Mart or Walgreen's to find out what kinds of foods and how much to eat to get tips, and support for making better food choices.

Taking your time – Have a mind set of eating slowly, and enjoying the taste and textures, which help pay attention to how you feel. Use the hunger and fullness cues to recognize when to eat and when you have had enough.

Using small plates – Use a smaller plate at mealtime to help with portion control. This way you can finish your entire plate and feel very satisfied

without overeating.

When eating out choose healthier options – Always check and compare nutrition information about the foods when you are eating. Preparing food at home makes it easier to control what is in your meals.

Satisfy your sweet tooth in a healthier way – Indulge in a very naturally sweet dessert dish like some fruit. You can serve a fresh fruit cocktail and a fruit parfait made with some yogurt. For a hot desert, bake some apples and top them with cinnamon.

Choose to eat some foods more or less often – Choose more vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and fat-free or 1% milk or dairy products. We need to cut back on foods high in solid fats, added sugars and salt.

Finding out what you need – Get your personalized food journal to identify your food group targets. Compare the foods you eat to the foods you need to eat.

Sipping smarter – Drinking water or other calorie-free beverages, 100% juice, or even fat-free milk when you are real thirsty. Soda or other sweet drinks contain a lot of sugar and are high in calories.

Comparing foods – Check out the Food-A-Pedia, which is an encyclopedia you can find at a Pharmacy or A Book Store, to look up information and compare the nutrition information for more than 8,000 foods.

Make more treats not everyday food – Treats should be once in a while thing. I wouldn't make treat foods on an everyday choice. Limit sweet treats for special occasions.

Weekly activities at the Senior Center always include Monday, March 3: 10:30, Exercise, Vonceil Leyh, and 11:30 Bingo;

Tuesday, March 4: 10:30, Parkway Regional Home Care, Steve Vergo, Medication, Jody, Blood Pressure; Wednesday, March 5: 11:30, Bingo; Thursday March 6: 10:30, Laura Snyder, Nutritional Recipes; Friday, March 7: 11:30, Bingo.

Bingo is played Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week! (25 cents a card) on these days immediately following lunch at approximately 11:30. Bingo winners were Monday, Feb. 17: Mary Helen McCauley, Roberta Duncan, and Josephine Warren and James Griffith winning coverall; Wednesday, Feb. 19: Kelly Conder, Josephine Warren, Suzanne Hurley, and Suzanne Hurley winning coverall; Friday, Feb. 21: James Griffith, Mary Helen McCauley, Corinne Shaw and Josephine Warren winning coverall.

The Following items will be served at the Senior Center next week:

Monday, March 3

Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, green peas, whole-wheat roll, strawberry and banana and skim milk.

Tuesday, March 4

Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, onion, baked fries, black-eyed peas, mandarin oranges and skim milk.

Wednesday, March 5

Salisbury steak, oven roasted potatoes and carrots, summer squash, whole-wheat roll, angel cake with orange sauce, and skim milk.

Thursday, March 6

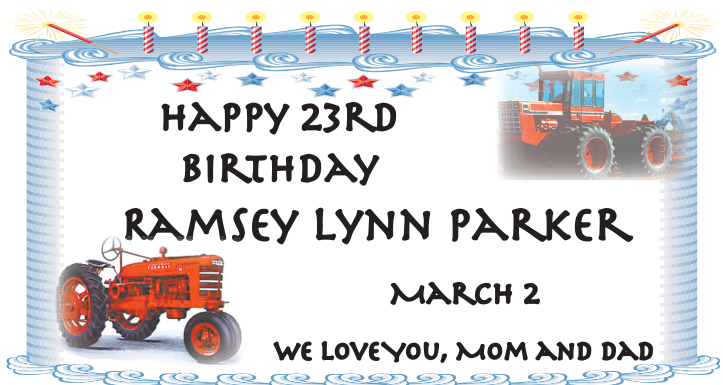
Roast turkey, pasta salad, corn on the cob, whole-wheat roll, mandarin salad and skim milk.

Friday, March 7

French toast casserole, syrup, sausage patty, stewed tomatoes, American fries, banana and skim milk.



GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD WINNER - Destiny Victoria Oakley has won the Girl Scout Gold Award, for her project, Kid Korner. She worked on this project to help families in the emergency rooms and pharmacy waiting rooms. The corner is designed to help with their long waits by encouraging the children to entertain themselves with reading books and activity books, and develop reading skills at the same time.



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Obituaries

Clarence E. Anderson

Clarence E. Anderson, 87, a resident of Hickman, Ky., died at his residence on February 14, 2014.

Born November 16, 1926 in Hickman, he was the son of the late Lewis and Ruth (Burton) Anderson. Mr. Anderson was retired mail carrier from the Hickman Post Office and of Baptist faith. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army.

Survivors include his sister, Imogene Dunnagan of Carrsville, Va., several nieces and nephews, several great

nieces and nephews, and his caregiver, his great nephew, Bob Anderson of Hickman.

His wife, Betty (Edwards) Anderson, five brothers, J.E. Anderson, James Anderson, Prather Anderson, Gather Anderson and Burton Anderson, and two sisters, Virgie Crocker and Allie Stanfield, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held February 16, at Strong Funeral Home with Rev. Henry Callison officiating. Burial followed in the Hickman City Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Woodson

Mrs. Mary Woodson, 55, a resident of Fulton, Ky., died February 15, 2014, at her residence.

Born November 19, 1958, in Hickman, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Donald and Adline Wilson. She was married to the late Willis Woodson, and was a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters, Juanita Woodson of Hickman and Marie "Ann" Woodson of Fulton; four grandchildren, Na'Keshia Woodson and Donald Brown, both of Fulton, and E'Drece

Bonds and Xavier Bonds, both of Hickman; one sister, Clara Polk of Hickman; four brothers,

George Wilson, Donald Wilson, and Bobby Joe Wilson, all of Hickman and Robert Polk of Louisville.

Services were held February 19, at Lake Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Hickman with Rev. Michael Benford officiating. Interment followed in Hickman City Cemetery.

Rawls Funeral Home - South Fulton was in charge of arrangements.

Robert H. Griffith

Mr. Raymond H. Griffith, 71, a resident of Union City, Tenn., died February 20, 2014, at Union City Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Born December 18, 1942 in Fulton County, he was the son of the late L.C. and Meta (Haney) Griffith. He lived there most of his life. He served in the Hickman branch of the National

Sharon M. Hunter

Sharon M. Hunter, 71, a resident of Hickman, Ky., died February 23, 2014, at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held February 26, at Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Fulton with Rev. John Chessor officiating. Burial will follow in Obion Co. Memorial Gardens.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's edition of *The Hickman Courier*.

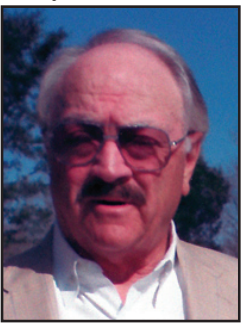
Charles Elam



Charles Neil Elam, 74, a resident of Cleveland, Tenn., died February 16, 2014, surrounded by family.

Born July 17, 1939, in Hickman, Ky., he was the son of the late Marvin Elam and Dolly Terrett Elam. He became a Christian in 1973, and attended Shiloh Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Army, but found his niche in sales because of his love of talking to people and making friends. He had a quick wit and a generous heart and was always helping others.

Survivors include his wife, Tammie Elam; sisters, Charlotte Atwill of Fulton, Ky., and Carolyn Jones and husband, George A. Jones of Cayce, Ky.; brothers, Bart Elam and wife, Vickie Elam of Leland, NC, and Richard Elam of Dyersburg, Tenn.; sisters and brothers-in-law, Debbie Lester and husband,



Mike, and Mike Mitchell and wife, Teresa; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and many friends.

He always had a special relationship with his great-nephew and "best buddy" Tyler Harrison, who brought him great joy. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., February 27, at Cayce United Methodist Church in Cayce, Ky. Visitation will be at 10 a.m.

Ralph Buckner Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Brownsville Cemetery, c/o Paul Henderson, 1304 Myron Cory Dr., Hickman, KY 42050; Rush Creek Methodist Church, c/o Missy Harrison, 305 Campbell Road, Fulton, KY 42041; or Cayce United Methodist Church, c/o Larry Gardner, 103 State Route 94 W, Fulton, KY.

Rev. Robert C. King, Sr.

Rev. Robert C. King, Sr., 65, a resident of Rockford, Ill., died January 24, 2014.

Born July 27, 1948 in Hickman, Ky., he was the son of the late R.T. King and Cleau Etha Wade. He attended Riverview High School in Hickman and was a member of Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church while he lived in Hickman. He and his family moved to Rockford, where he became a lifelong member of Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, serving as a Deacon until he became an Ordained Minister. He also worked as a machinist in Rochelle, Ill.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Faye King; two sons, Robert "Bob" King, Jr. of Hickman, and Alex King of Rockford; two daughters, Trinia and Dedra King of Rockford; one sister, Jean Green of Hickman; 32 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren; special

friends, Mrs. Isilee Brown and Miss Birdie Benford; a host of nieces and nephews.

One son, Victor B. King, Sr., two sisters, Patsy Jones Smith and Opal Kaye King, and two brothers, Rev. Bobby Bumpous and Russell King, Sr., preceded him in death.

Services were held February 1, at Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Donald Bershell, Sr. officiating. Burial followed in Cedar Bluff Cemetery.

Pallbearers were James King, Jamale, King, John Moore, Sr., John Moore, Jr., Keith Berlin, Berlin Sanders, James Davis, Dezhonte Moore, and Andre Trammell. Honorary pallbearers were Robert "Bob" King, Jr., De'Eric King, Torrence King, Robert Watkins, Aaron King, Victor B. King, Sr., Ernest King, Victor B. King, Jr., Raheem King, and Perry Brown.

Fulton Co. Sheriff's Department News

The Fulton County Sheriff's Department reports these arrests and citations for Monday, Feb. 17 through Saturday, Feb. 22:

Monday, Feb. 17:

- Robert Forrester of Fulton, Ky., white male, arrested, indictment warrant.
- Jawan A. Gholson of Fulton, black male, arrested, failure to appear.

Tuesday, Feb. 18:

- Douglas L. Carter of Hickman, Ky., black male, arrested, arrested, assault, 2nd degree.
- Evan R. Yopp of Paducah, Ky., white male, citation,

speeding 76/55 mph zone, failure of non-owner to maintain required insurance, 1st offense.

Wednesday, Feb. 19:

- Tetsuya Kobayashi of Mason, Ohio, Asian male, citation, speeding 87/70 mph zone.
- Darren D. Warren of Melber, Ky., white male, citation, speeding 71/55 mph zone, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, 1st offense.

Thursday, Feb. 20:

- Kellen Barnett of Hickman, black male, arrested, failure to

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Photo by Charlotte Smith

ACCIDENT CLARIFICATION - A February 12 accident involving a Fulton County School bus containing 21 personnel and a 2002 Chevy S-10 pick up driven by Marilyn K. Sansom has been clarified on Sanders Road. According to the written report, on arrival the Sheriff's Office assessed damage and took statements for both vehicles. Bus subsided minor damage to rear driver side fender, S-10 pick up sustained damage to rear driver fender and separation of tail gate. No injuries. Narrowness of road was only detected factor involved. Both drivers and witnesses claim that their vehicle was stopped and the other was the one passing. Unable to determine which one was stopped after observation.

Hickman Police Department News

The Hickman Police Department reports these arrests, citations, investigations and fire calls for Hickman and Cayce Volunteer Fire Departments for Sunday, Feb. 16 – Saturday, Feb. 22:

Sunday, Feb. 16:

- Traffic stop on 6th St.
- Traffic stop on 1099 Bypass.
- Responded to a 911 hang up on Bernal Ave.
- Responded to a 911 hang up on Ivey St.
- Responded to a complaint of loud music on 7th St.
- Responded to a possible reckless driver on Union City Hwy.
- Responded to a disturbance on Walnut St.
- Traffic stop on Clay St. – Ronnie Fitts cited for disregarding stop sign and failure of owner to maintain insurance.
- Responded to a 911 hang up on Holcomb St.
- Responded to a call on Moscow Ave. – Frankie Farmer cited for criminal mischief.

Monday, Feb. 17:

- Responded to a juvenile issue on Cedar St.
- Responded to a juvenile complaint on Ivey St.
- Responded to a 911 hang up on Broadway St.

Tuesday, Feb. 18:

- Responded to a call on Station Ln.
- Responded to a commercial burglar alarm on Wellington St.
- Responded to a call on Bernal Ave.
- Responded to a call on Liberty St. – Chris Stewart arrested for alcohol intoxication, criminal trespass, and disorderly conduct.
- Responded to a call on Union City Hwy.
- Responded to a call at the station. – Danny Williams arrested for harassment.
- Responded to a call on Bernal Ave.
- Investigated a suspicious per-

son on Broadway St.

- Traffic stop on 7th St.
- Responded to a call on Carroll St.

Thursday, Feb. 20:

- Assisted Tri-City EMS on Cedar St.
- Responded to a call at the police department.
- Traffic stop on State Route 94.

Friday, Feb. 21:

- Responded to a call on 7th St.

- Responded to a an animal complaint on Carroll St.
- Responded to a motor vehicle accident on Moscow Ave.
- Assisted Tri-City EMS on Moulton St.
- Traffic stop on Moscow Ave.
- Traffic stop on 1099 Bypass. – Calvin Wilson cited for failure of owner to maintain insurance.
- Traffic stop on Cedar St.
- Traffic stop on Union City Hwy. – Cress Baker cited for rear license plate not illuminated and no insurance.
- Responded to possible shots fired on Park St.
- Responded to a call on Cedar St.

Saturday, Feb. 22:

- Traffic stop on Cantillion Dr.
- Traffic stop on Moscow Ave.
- Responded to a call on Bernal Ave.
- Responded to a call on E Magnolia St.
- Traffic stop on 7th St.
- Traffic stop on Union City Hwy.
- Traffic stop on State Route 94.

- Traffic stop on Moulton St.
- Responded to a call on Troy Ave.
- Traffic stop on 7th St. – Andrea Elam cited for speeding, license not in possession, and no insurance.
- Traffic stop on Moscow Ave.
- Traffic stop on Moscow Ave. – De'nisha Pierce cited for speeding and possession of marijuana.

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Summary of Ordinance

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In recognition by the Fiscal Court of Fulton County, Kentucky, of the value of our local natural resources present in Fulton County, the Court hereby creates a County Board to develop and manage public resources for the purpose of promoting the use and enjoyment of our natural resources, primarily wildlife and waterfowl, in a lawful, efficient, and stewardship model. This Ordinance further authorizes the Board to enter into agreements with private landowners and public entities for the management of local natural resources; training and educational opportunities; promotion of the economic development and tourism aspects of our natural resources; safety education; and adequate funding for enforcement, development, education, conservation, and other directly related aspects that are not currently being provided in an adequate fashion by state and federal agencies and creates criminal penalties for violations relating to this Ordinance. The effective date of the Ordinance is January 1, 2014.

The full text of the purpose ordinance is available for public inspection at the office of the Fulton County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

First Reading approved February 17, 2014.

Second Reading of the proposed ordinance 2014-01 will be on March 17, 2014 at 9:00a.m. at the Office of the Fulton County Judge/Executive.

David Gallagher
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FCE/MS Communications students advance to regionals

By Marlena Sipes and Dragan Schmidt

Giving a speech or a demonstration is hard enough, but getting up at the crack of dawn on a Saturday morning to do it is even more challenging! But that is what the 14 FCE/MS contestants had to do Saturday, Feb. 15.

Students traveled to Carr Elementary in Fulton to participate in the 4-H County Communications competition, which began at 8:30 a.m. The students who were to give speeches only had to bring a positive attitude, but the students who were to give demonstrations had to bring props and even assistants. "It wasn't a pain in the neck for me to go to Fulton, but I think it was hard for my mom to have to get up to go with me," said 4th grader Amanda Newton. The props Newton had to transport included a saddle, a saddle pad, a giant stuffed horse, and a book on horses. Those students giving a cooking or foods demonstration had to bring more resources.

As for the speeches, "it was kind of nerve-wracking," says Josie Prehoda, an 8th grade

student. "I was competing against a classmate who I think is a really nice person, and I wanted to win, but I didn't want him to lose at the same time." Prehoda's speech was titled "Oops, I Made Chocolate Chip Cookies," and it was about the accidental invention of America's favorite cookie. "During the first paragraph of my speech I felt a little nervous, but then I settled down and went on with it," said 8th grader Bradley Webb. "I'm glad I did it. It opened my eyes on how difficult it must be for everyone who has to do it as part of their job, like the President." Webb's speech was "How to Get a Date." Other speech topics included "Why Teachers are So Important," "Francis Scott Key," and "What it's Like to Be a Twin."

FCEMS students have learned that preparation makes all the difference in presenting a successful speech or demonstration. "I'm not as nervous as I used to be to get up in front of my peers," explains Grace Elder. "I also enjoy researching a topic and presenting it to my classmates

and seeing their reactions." In fact most FCE/MS students agree that the school Communications Day does a lot to get them accustomed to speaking in front of groups. But is it worth it? "I think it is worth it because some students don't know if they like speaking in front of groups," says one student. "But if they try it and like it, it's worth it, because public speaking could help their future career." "I'm not an early bird person,"

admitted 8th grader Precious Thomas. "So it was hard for me to get up. I was nervous because it was the County Competition, but I got all 5's and 4's, and my dad said he was proud of me."

All told, 14 FCE/MS students will advance to 4-H Regional Competition on April 15 at Hickman County. Congratulations to all the students who participated in both the school and the county competitions.



4-H COMMUNICATIONS DAY WINNERS – Bernita Cheirs (left), 4-H Agent is presenting Jocelyn Mosley (right) her Blue Champion ribbon she received for her demonstration of Home Environment and Management on Saturday, Feb. 15.



4-H COMMUNICATIONS DAY WINNERS – Demonstrations for the 4-H Communications Day demonstration categories were (l to r) Health - Emilee Govern, Blue/Champion, and not pictured Brittany Pirtle Blue/Alternate and Jasmine McCloyn, Blue; and Crafts and Photography Caleb Collins, Blue/Champion and Jayden Padilla, Red.



4-H COMMUNICATIONS DAY WINNERS – The Fulton County and Fulton Independent winners for the 4-H Communications Day 11-year-old Speeches were (l to r) Amber Smith, Blue, Marlena Sipes, Blue/Alternate, and Brandon Rushing, Blue/Champion.

County-wide 4-H Communications Day highlights students

Fulton County 4-H Communications Day was held at Carr Elementary on Saturday, Feb. 15 under the direction of Fulton County 4-H Extension Agent Bernita Cheirs. Judges listened and critiqued 15 speeches and 13 demonstrations. Those receiving champion ribbons will go to compete in the Area Contest at Hickman County on Saturday, April 15.

Winners of the speech category are as follows:

- Nine-year-old - Blue/Champion - Gabriella Buckingham; Blue/Alternate - Elizabeth Pirtle; Blue - Taylor Everett; Blue - Kaylee Young.
- Ten-year-old - Blue/Champion - Josh Bell; Blue/Alternate - Taylor Cantrell; Blue - Cade Mullins; Blue - Takyra Taylor.
- 11-year-old - Blue/Champion - Brandon Rushing; Blue/Alternate - Marlena Sipes; Blue - Amber Smith.
- 12-year-old - Blue/Champion - Cody Buckley.

- 13-year-old - Blue/Champion - Josie Prehoda; Blue/Alternate - Bradley Webb.
- 14-year-old - Blue/Champion - Precious Thomas.

Winners of the demonstration category:

- General - Blue/Champion - Ian Lucy.
- Animal Science - Blue/Champion - Amanda Newton.
- Science and Natural Resources - Blue/Champion - Remington Stewart; Blue/Alternate - Caleb Fields.
- Crafts and Photography - Blue/Champion - Caleb Collins; Red - Jayden Padilla.
- Health - Blue/Champion - Emilee Govern; Blue/Alternate - Brittany Pirtle; Blue - Jasmine McCloyn.
- Performing Arts - Blue/Champion - Savanna Lewis.
- Home Env and Mgt - Blue/Champion - Jocelyn Mosley.
- Foods - Blue/Champion - Callie Coulson; Blue/Alternate - Bella Hancock.



4-H COMMUNICATIONS DAY WINNERS – Ten-year-old speech winners in the area 4-H Communications Day competition were (l to r) Cade Mullins, Blue, Taylor Cantrell, Blue/Alternate, Takyra Taylor, Blue, and Josh Bell, Blue/Champion.



4-H COMMUNICATIONS DAY WINNERS – Winners in the Demonstration category for the 4-H Communications Day competition were (l to r) Remington Stewart, Blue/Champion, and Caleb Fields, Blue/Alternate in the Science and Natural Resources category and Ian Lucy, Blue/Champion in the General category.



4-H COMMUNICATIONS DAY WINNERS – Bernita Cheirs (left) is presenting Callie Coulson (right) with her Blue/Champion ribbon she received in the Foods Demonstration category.



4-H COMMUNICATIONS DAY WINNERS - Speech winners in the nine-year-old division of the 4-H Communications Day were (l to r) Taylor Everett, Blue, Elizabeth Pirtle, Blue/Alternate, and Gabriella Buckingham, Blue/Champion. Not pictured, Kaylee Young, Blue.

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Sports In Kentucky For the Hickman Courier

By Bob Watkins

Last weekend provided enough drama moments to wake up even the sleep-walking Kentucky Wildcats.

✓ In Lexington, a season first. Julius Randle scored a game-winner against LSU igniting a player pile-on. A what? Fans witnessed a flicker of college-kid-joy when a couple teammates pummeled Randle. Then the Wildcats put their NBA faces back on.

✓ Louisville. Down a point in Cincinnati and last seconds ticking off the clock, Russ Smith rose for a jump shot. Then, in an Earth-must-have changed-on-its-axis nano-second, he passed the ball, got a pass back and swished a falling down jumper to stun Cincinnati at home, and rocket the Cardinals into top two seed talk. Russ doth adore Russ Hero Moments. Kid is a winner, period.

From the *No Kidding Dept.* a national writer concluded the No. 7 Louisville's body of work this season has come against a weaker schedule ... but the Cards might not be as far behind the championship team as perceived." Really?

✓ In Bowling Green Western's defense smothered Louisiana Monroe without a field goal for nine minutes, built an 18-1 lead, and stopped a two game skid. The Hilltoppers (18-9) have four regular season games left in the Sun Belt.

✓ At Auburn Vanderbilt's starters decided to coast against the Tigers and fell behind by 16. Kevin Stallings did what good coaches do, skipped the plead and whine and sat them down, inserted two walk-ons who fired the Commodores to their 16th win.

✓ At Durham, North Carolina, Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim waited 39 minutes and 40 seconds of game action before showing his Lou Piniella side.

In front of Cameron's Crazies and a national teevee audience, Boeheim tore at his jacket, ran onto the floor to protest a call with 20 seconds left in a two-point game. Two technicals and one ejection later his No. 1 ranked team was, well, not number one. Replays showed referee Tony Green got the call right.

Was a rev-up weekend for stretch run games, conference tournaments and Joe Lunardi's Big Pairings Show.

NOTABLES

Kentucky's overtime win against LSU told us ...

- Before March Madness and packed in zone defenses arrive, the Wildcats had better find a Russ Smith-like jump shot range.

- If LSU coach Johnny Jones can persuade his players to believe every opponent ahead is Kentucky, then his 11-loss Tigers belong in the NCAA Tournament. If not, NIT.

- Kentucky?
- Good thing: Another 20-win season. John Calipari low balls all games that don't have word *tournament* in front, but by their presence for games in Rupp Arena, fans value every W, even the marshmallows.

- Not good: Favored by 12, UK needed an overtime to beat LSU by one at home. Five assists isn't good either.

- Best coach thing: Calipari behaved less like Bozo the Clown than usual.
- Best coach thing II: Although well behind the curve, Calipari said something of substance. "We're still coach-driven instead player-driven. We've got to get to where I'm doing less, and they're doing more."

Amen to the last part. To the first: Calipari's remark would have fit six weeks ago.

INSIDE UK AT AUBURN

By way of Bleacher Report writer Jason King's access to Kentucky's basketball team on trip to Auburn Feb. 12, UK fans got a telling look at their Wildcats. Fans around the Bluegrass state won't see observations from uh, mainstream media.

✓ Leaving the hotel at Auburn, "the Wildcats hardly notice two young boys waiting in the lobby with a basketball and a Sharpie. Instead they stare straight forward walking like zombies past the autograph seekers."

✓ (At lunch) King writes, "the Wildcats resemble a group of 40-somethings on a business trip—not a band of teenagers in town to play basketball."

✓ During a scouting report briefing on Auburn, King writes: "Assistant coach John Robic is annoyed with the vibe and tells the players, 'You've gotta snap out of this haze you're in. You should be excited to play tonight. We have eight regular-season games left and then the SEC and the NCAA tournaments. After that, this team will never be together again.'"

After Kentucky's sleepwalk win over Auburn, Calipari tells his players "I know what I'm asking you to do is hard. I know it's tough worrying about everyone else, especially when your whole life you've only worried about yourself. But I'm asking you: 'Do you want to be special?' If you do, you've got to change."

Then, according to King, Calipari said, "When are we going to get it?"

JUST WONDERING DEPT.

- He isn't Larry, but isn't Creighton's Doug McDermott is the most entertaining player in college hoops since Larry Bird?

- Coaches. Raise your hand if you love watching Mick Cronin coach Cincinnati's Bearcats.

- Intrigue Dept. Labeled too short and not physical enough, where will they be in five years: Johnny Manziel and Russ Smith?

- Ideas Dept. University of Kentucky's cheerleaders won their 20th national championship recently. Maybe an enterprising filmmaker could put together a documentary, present it to KET, then we could all see what the big deal is.

KENTUCKY'S MT. RUSHMORE?

If our state had one, who would the four faces be on a Kentucky Mt. Rushmore? A question posed two columns ago. Adolph Rupp and Ed Diddle seem naturals. A curious array of others have been offered. Among them: Kelly Coleman, Rick Pitino, Joe Dan Gold, Tim Couch, Denny Crum and S.T. Roach.

And so it goes.

Fulton Duplicate Bridge Club

Fulton Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Monday, Feb. 17 were as follows: Flight A — Bill Petrie and Jane Baker, first place, Richard Thompson and Steve Van Cise, second place, Bertha Henry and Margie Cannon, third place, and Betty Amberg and Freddie Oliver, fourth place. Flight B — Richard Thompson and Steve Van Cise, first place, and Bertha Henry and Margie Cannon, second place.

Fulton Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Monday, Feb. 24 were as follows: Flight A — Betty Amberg and Freddie Oliver, first place, Jane baker and Bill Petrie, second place, Dianna Nerren and Jo Grissom, third place, and Margie Cannon and Bertha Henry, fourth place. Flight B — Dianna Nerren and Jo Grissom, first place, and Bertha Henry and Margie Cannon, second place.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Athletes of the Week - The Fulton County Booster Club has announced that Quinn Nolan, left, and Delraysha Alexander, right, are the Pilot "Athletes of the Week". Quinn is a Senior and a member of the boys basketball and football teams. Delraysha is a Senior and a member of girls basketball team. (Photo by Barbara Atwill)

Congratulations

Pilots end regular season with win

Charles Choate
Courier Correspondent
 Fulton County raced out to

an early lead, en route to their 64-42 win over Christian Fellowship.



Photo by Charles Choate

LEAPING DEFENSE - Fulton County's Davis Major (20) leaps high into the air to prevent a pass from Christian Fellowship's Jordan Choate (12). Major scored seven points for the Pilots, as they ended regular season play with a 64-42 win.



Photo by Charles Choate

NO LOOK PASS - Pilots guard Jarrett West (12) fires a pass, before Christian Fellowship's John Robert Ward can apply defensive pressure. Ten Fulton County players entered the scoring column in the home win over the Eagles last week in Hickman. Watching the play is Ryan Williams (23).

County dumpster expense on Fiscal Court's mind

Charlotte Smith
Editor

"There are two things that I am working on for the Fiscal Court to consider that will be brought up at the March meeting," stated Fulton County Judge/Executive David Gallagher during the February meeting of the Fulton County Fiscal Court. "I will bring information before you which includes potentially outsourcing payroll and the rising costs of county dumpsters."

"I am opposed to outsourcing the payroll," commented Magistrate Henry Callison. "I think the task should be performed in house."

While respecting Callison's position on the subject, Gallagher still plans on presenting information on the topic of outsourcing payroll at the next meeting.

"More household garbage is going into the dumpsters," Gallagher said. "As the cost

of residential waste disposal increases, more people are opting out of their contracts."

This is creating a rising cost in disposal of the dumpsters located throughout Fulton County. "If we don't offer the dumpsters, we will find more waste along our county roadways," he said.

"Until we have a county-wide pick up there will probably need to be an ordinance," suggested Magistrate Billy "Bubba" Nelms. "People will continue to dump it wherever they can."

"We have no collection method to contract with a waste disposal company ourselves," explained Gallagher. "If everyone had water, then we could put it on their bill, but they don't."

Another option was for individuals to either switch to a waste provider with a lower fee or maybe negotiating with the company they currently contract with. At this time, Republic Services (Barker Brothers), with a landfill located in Obion

County, Tenn., provides garbage pick up for the majority of Fulton County's residence.

After a year contracting with NaturChem to spray the sides of Fulton County roads, the Fiscal Court has decided to mow four times a year, rejecting the contract for the 2014 calendar year. "I don't feel it was a success," stated Callison. Magistrate George A. Jones agreed that they should reject NaturChem's proposal.

"There isn't an easy solution," noted Gallagher. "If it is a wet spring and there is high water and you can't mow, it won't take long for the Johnson grass to take over."

Other items touched on during the February meeting include the proposed 1% sales tax increase for each county to utilize for a capital project of some type, allowing alcohol sales on election day, tax reform, Kentucky recognizing the marriage of gay couples who marry in another state, industrial hemp and Kentucky's version of Kynect.

The Fiscal Court is slated to meet in regular session on Monday, March 17 at 9 a.m. in Hickman.

Ordinance

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economic development best practice goals in the best long term interests of Fulton County.

The hope is to enhance the positive economic impact of our natural resources in the same way that our neighbors to the South, Obion and Lake Counties in Tennessee have accomplished in the development of Reelfoot Lake as an economic and tourist attraction. "Our goal is to make resources available to help build infrastructure to make the most of our natural resources, while preserving our outdoor heritage for our children and grandchildren," stated Major.

The Ordinance also establishes criminal penalties for abuse of the natural resources and authorizes the Board to establish County Refuge Areas or Public Use Areas by leases or cooperative agreements with landowners.

The first reading of the Fulton County Wildlife and Waterfowl Conservation and Education Board was held on Monday, Feb. 17 during the Fulton County Fiscal Court meeting. The second reading is set for Monday, March 17.



Photo by Charles Choate

LEAPING CATCH - Christian Fellowship's Emily Nelson (1) leaps high into the air for a pass, as Fulton County's Yashema Kimble (23), Leslie Beth Jackson (14) and Dixie Major (12) surround the play. The Lady Pilots posted their third win of the year by a score of 52-29.

Lady Pilots split two games at home

Charles Choate
Courier Correspondent

The Fulton County Lady Pilots ended their regular season by winning three of their last five games.

Coach Leonard Smith's team split in their play last week, picking up a win over Christian Fellowship, but dropping their final home game against St. Mary.

Fulton County 52; Christian Fellowship 29 (at Hickman)

Nine Lady Pilot players entered the scoring column, as Fulton County won their third game of the season.

Following a tight first quarter, in which Fulton County led 14-6, Coach Leonard Smith's team raced out on a 14-4 scoring spurt in the second quarter to lead at halftime, 28-10.

The offensive pressure for the Lady Pilots continued in the second half, with the the largest lead of the game coming in the third quarter at 37-10, on a Leah Weatherly inside basket.

KyLira Williams led Fulton County with 12 points, followed by Yashema Kimble 9, Delraysha Alexander 9, Leah Weatherly 8, Leslie Beth Jackson 4, AnnaGregory Grissom 4, Jada Matthews 2, Alana Coffey 2 and Jekiya Warren 2.

Emily Bridges led Christian Fellowship with 13 points.

St. Mary 66; Fulton County 41 (at Hickman)

After an 8-8 first quarter score, the Lady Vikings dominated the game enroute to a 25 point win.



Photo by Charles Choate

TOUGH PLAYER - Fulton County's Leah Weatherly and Yashema Kimble watch as St. Mary's Alex Durbin (40) puts a shot in under the basket. Durbin proved unstoppable on the night, scoring 28 points as the Lady Vikings beat Fulton County 66-41.

St. Mary took a 22-8 lead in the second quarter, following a 14-0 scoring run, and extended that advantage to 34-13 at halftime.

The Lady Pilots could not find a defensive answer for Alex Durbin, who scored 28 points on the night.

Yashema Kimble led the offense for Fulton County with her 17 point effort.

Following Kimble was Delraysha Alexander with 8, Leah Weatherly 6, Leslie Beth Jackson 4, AnnaGregory Grissom 2 and Alexis Dickson 2.

FCHS Alumni basketball game will be March 15

Fulton County High School will host another Alumni Basketball game on Saturday, March 15. The games will begin at 6 p.m., in the high school gym. Admission will be \$3.00

each. The funds raised will go to the basketball program.

Two games are being featured. The first game will be an alumni girl's game and the second game

will be an alumni boy's game.

Any female alumni basketball player interested in playing, please contact Melissa Kinney at 270-627-2656 by March 4.

Two stolen trucks, one recovered

In a three-day time span the Fulton County Sheriff's Office has been working two stolen truck incident reports. The first truck, a 2000 Chevrolet Z71, was reported stolen from John Sowell's farm on Hwy 166 near Hickman, on Saturday, Feb. 22. It was recovered a short time

later by members of the Fulton Police Office. Sheriff Bobby Hopper reports that charges are pending on two individuals connected to the theft.

The second truck, a 2003 Chevy Silverado 2500 heavy duty series pick up, was stolen around 9 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 24 from the farm of Jim Thorpe located on Hwy 239. "We have been following up on leads," stated Sheriff Hopper, "and are still investigating this incident."

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ABERNATHY SPEAKS TO JACOB FLOURNOY MEMBERS - John Abernathy speaks at Jacob Flourney NSDAR meeting. Attending were (front row) Mary Harris, Barbara Tidwell, Rose Oliver, and Janet Gossum. Others pictured were back row, Velva Yarbrow, Abernathy, Sallie Ferguson, Phyllis Simmons, Peggy Lohaus, and Fran McPeake. Elaine Morris was not pictured.

Jacob Flourney Chapter NSDAR meets

The Jacob Flourney Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held their regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014, at the Carr Street Community Center in Fulton, Ky., with ten members and one guest present.

After refreshments were served by hostesses, Rose Oliver and Peggy Lohaus, Regent Sallie Ferguson called the meeting to order. In the absence of the chaplain, the ritual was led by Fran McPeake.

Program leader, Mary Harris, introduced her guest and program presenter, John Abernathy of Union City. Abernathy spoke of one of his early ancestors, Cecily Reynolds, who at the

age of ten sailed from London aboard the "Swan" and arrived at the Jamestown Colony in Virginia in 1610. Supposedly, she introduced the art of flirting in Virginia and was no

landowner. She died in 1677.

In the absence of Secretary Ann Freeman, Mary Harris read the minutes of the December meeting. Elaine Allen gave the treasurer's report.

Members were told that in commemoration of the 50-year anniversary of the Vietnam War, the DAR widows of Vietnam servicemen who died in combat or died since the war will be honored at the KSDAR Convention

in Lexington, Ky. in March.

The next DAR meeting will be at Discovery Park in Union City on Thursday, March 13, at 10 a.m. with lunch to follow at the park at 11:30. Rose Oliver and Peggy Lohaus will be in charge of arranging the details.



doubt beautiful, winning the hearts of some of the colony's outstanding citizens. Married five times, she earned her place in history when she became the object of the first breach of promise suit in America. Cecily gave birth to at least twelve children and became a wealthy

Sheriff

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Sheriff under Nelson “Corky” Hill and Sheriff Hopper for almost 30 years until he was hired full time in October 2012. Amberg left the Sheriff’s Department in December 2013 due to medical issues. Currently he serves as the current Assistant Fire Chief for the Hickman Fire Department, having 31 years of service with the department.

Hopper, 63 years old, is a Class of ‘68 graduate of FCHS. He has attended numerous classes with DOCJT, as well as State training over the last 28 years.

Many conversations with his dad Brantly Amberg, who served as a District Judge, on how to charge those who had committed a crime, and riding along with Sheriff “Corky” Hill are just two examples on why Amberg feels he is qualified to be the next sheriff in Fulton County. “During and after the ‘Ice Storm of 2009,’ I realized I wanted to be more involved with law enforcement and started spending more time with it,” added Amberg. “I spent most of my free time at the Sheriff’s Office volunteering for anything I could do until I was hired as a full time deputy, logging over 30,000 miles in one year.” He also has knowledge of the court system while serving as a bailiff during regular court and jury trials.

Hopper has been serving as Fulton County Sheriff for almost 20 years. He has 31 years of law enforcement experience and has been with the Sheriff’s Office for 29 years.

“While I believe the economy and lack of work in our area are the biggest concerns that affect the citizens of the county,” Amberg said, “it also has an affect on the law enforcement community, as well. We have seen people from as far away as Milan, Tenn., who have come to Fulton County to steal scrap metal.” He also believes a good working relationship with adjoining counties to share information and resources can aid a department that has limited resources. Amberg wants to be more visible in the day and evening with extra patrolling in problem areas, keeping the citizens safe and more drug investigations and arrests will be some of his main contributions.

Hopper sees drugs, thefts and domestic abuse as some of the most pressing problems facing the Sheriff’s Office. “Being a small county, with limited resources, we do the best we can even though we want to do more,” added Hopper.

Realizing that there are many issues that could be addressed within Fulton County and the Sheriff’s Office, Amberg believes that drugs is the biggest issue he would address and Hopper doesn’t see just one particular issue that the Sheriff’s Office needs to focus on.

“Drugs are one of my biggest

concerns in Fulton County,” stated Amberg. “Through the years I have seen the drug of choice go from speed and marijuana to cocaine, meth, morphine and such. “The residents of the county are on the front line in drug prevention and can see more than the officers. There needs to be more education to the children as to the effects of what the drugs will do to your life, more education to the adults as to the signs of drug usage by children and how to handle this issue before it gets out of hand.

Amberg and Hopper both agree that to hold political office you must be a people person, as one of the personal traits required to be a successful county official.

“You will need to gain the trust of the citizens, be able to listen to all their concerns, take criticism for things you have no control of, be polite and courteous to everyone, and be available 24 hours a day,” Amberg added. “I believe that I have demonstrated my willingness to serve the county through dedicating the past three years of service where two were totally uncompensated.”

“I also believe you need to listen to people, be truthful and work together,” said Hopper. “Weaknesses are limited resources for the county. There is only so much you can do.” He adds that his many years of experience in law enforcement is a definite strength that he brings to the table.

Both candidates were born and raised here in Fulton County, Amberg in Hickman and Hopper in Cayce.

“Not knowing everyone in the county is one of my biggest obstacles,” noted Amberg. “While I have met a lot of people that live in the Fulton area, I’m still relatively unknown to most.” He also realizes he needs to learn the streets of Fulton and also names to faces. He has become familiar with the residents of Kentucky Bend while he patrolled that area.

Hopper addresses drawbacks from the Sheriff’s Office stand point. “Although, having more resources now, than in the past, with the state regulations and law changes, we still don’t have enough resources to fully accommodate the citizens of the county.”

When asked what Amberg thought Hopper’s strongest attributes were he said, “There is no doubt that Sheriff Hopper has been in law enforcement for a long time. He has brought the Sheriff’s Office a long way since he was elected. There have been many changes in the laws and the way they are enforced. In his years of service he has made enemies and lifelong friends, solved and lost cases, seen and heard most everything possible and yet he is still devoted to Fulton County.”

Hopper didn’t point out any of Amberg’s strong attributes.



Photo by Charlotte Smith

PRESCHOOL TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS RECOGNIZED - The Preschool teachers and assistants at Fulton County were recognized during the February 20 school board meeting for scoring above the national average on the Pre-K Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS). They were also ranked in the top 10% of all preschool classrooms in Kentucky in the domains of Classroom Organization and Instructional Support. Preschool teachers and assistants receiving certificates include (l to r) Trina Campbell, Monika Bodon, Tracy Ellegood, Bridget Atwill, Kim Gooch, Ella Mae Smith, and Anna Lignons. Joy Brummel (far right) was also recognized with the preschool teachers at the board meeting for her guidance and support of the teachers and students through Head Start. Not pictured: Pam Bennett.

Beth McWhirt is the Best Pilot on Board



Beth McWhirt

Elizabeth “Beth” McWhirt is the first certified Fulton County teacher to receive the Best Pilot on Board Award. McWhirt was presented her certificate and a plant from Fulton County School Board Vice Chair Perry Turner on Thursday, Feb. 20.

A framed photograph was also presented to McWhirt containing comments and quotes from those who nominated her for this award. Comments included: “Mrs. McWhirt is always thinking of new and interesting ways to present her material to her students. She provides an experience for our students will remember for years to come,” and Mrs. McWhirt goes above and beyond the call of duty in order to help her students learn. She inspires all around her by being a positive role model for students and staff. You could not ask for a more dedicated teacher. She is a class act,” and “Mrs. Beth goes out of her way to make history interesting for the students!”

McWhirt will be a featured lunch guest of the Hickman Rotary Club and will receive a lunch gift certificate from a local restaurant.

At the end of the year, the Recognition Committee will select a Best Pilot on Board of the Year. That winner will receive a dinner for two certificate.

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Embezzled

Department of Education on time after they granted us an extension,” added Anderson.

It has been alleged that some internal controls regarding compliance policies previously established within the district were not being followed. The audit report indicates that the management of Fulton County School District (FCSD) is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. The time frame of the audit also indicated that Dennis Bledsoe, former Superintendent and Julie Vowell, former Finance Officer, were members of the administrative staff in charge during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

A forensic audit has been completed and the school board will learn details found during that audit at the March 20, 2014 meeting of the board.

The area that seemed to be the focus of the fiscal year audit was bank reconciliations where things couldn’t be tied together well, which was explained by Anderson. “There are expenses that are running through the district’s financial statements that are not classified where they need to be and we couldn’t find documentation to support it,” Anderson said. “Special revenue funds and the pod service fund were areas we couldn’t find answers.” He also noted some issues in the general fund.

“Within in the internal control section there are some ideas to consider to rectify the situation,” added Anderson, “Things are back on track now.”

Other issues pointed out during ATA’s review of the audit include areas that the board should consider with regard to maintaining financial stability within the district as a whole.”

Focusing on the following:

- State of Net Position which has decreased from \$1,219,000 in 2012 to \$260,000 in 2013
- Total Revenues in 2012 were \$7,141,000 and Total Expenses were \$7,384,000 for a negative amount of \$243,000 and again in 2013, Total Revenues were \$7,007,000 and Total Expenses were \$7,309,000 for a negative amount of \$302,000

Anderson also asked them to consider the fact that local taxes have leveled off staying relatively the same in 2012 and 2013. “The board has been taking the compensation rate instead of electing to take the 4% increase,” added Superintendent Aaron Collins. “This does not help the district financially with

the fact that expenses are up and revenue is down.”

SEEK program revenue, which was once at \$2.5 million in 2009, is now at \$2.1 million. In recent years the budget is factored based on additional cuts from the state in SEEK funding.

District-wide payroll, which has been at 67% of expenses for the last three years, did decrease from \$3,906,000 to \$3,788,000. During a planning meeting in early February Supt. Collins provided information to the board with regard to possible changes in staffing for the 2014-15 school year to address payroll. The particular area of focus was that of the principal and assistant principal positions.

It was also noted that the district has lost 49 students over all since 2010, this causes federal and state funding to diminish. “This means the local share will be increasing,” explained Supt. Collins.

Supt. Collins also explained that the figure is based on Average Daily Attendance (ADA), not enrollment. “You receive money for ADA and we did our allocations in the past based on enrollment figures,” added Supt. Collins. “So there is the 10% that you are looking at. If you quickly take \$3.9 million and subtract 10%, you realize just how much of a loss that is.”

Snow Days

“The one day that we had school when no one else did, Feb. 10, our attendance was 95%, slightly above our normal attendance rate,” noted Supt. Collins. “And then on February 17, President’s Day, a make up day, we were slightly lower overall as a district at 92% and the high school was at 95%, slightly higher than their average.”

Accepted snow days, as of February 20, include March 17, May 19, May 21, May 22 and May 23. “These are days that were already on the calendar,” Supt. Collins said. The board hesitated to set the graduation date, electing to wait until next month, to wait and see about any more possible bad weather.

Allocations

“Tentative allocations will be passed out to the Principals by March 1. The board doesn’t have to review them until May 1,” stated Supt. Collins. “Letters of intent go out next week and I will be asking for them to be back to me on March 14.”

Job descriptions for a District Academic Coach/RTI was reviewed and approved by the board before the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Sheriff

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appear.

- Christopher D. Courtney of Mayfield, Ky., black male, arrested, speeding 78/55 mph zone, operating on suspended/revoked operator’s license, failure of non-owner to maintain required insurance, 1st offense.

- Sharmekia A. Smith of Hickman, black female, citation, speeding 7/55 mph zone, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, 2nd offense.

- Shanice N. Snipes of Mayfield, black female, arrested, contempt of court.

Friday, Feb. 21:

- Danny Williams of Hickman, white male, arrested, harassment warrant.
- Kevin Haley of Fulton, white male, arrested, failure to appear.

- Sharkita Esters of Hickman, black female, arrested, failure to appear.

Saturday, Feb. 22:

- Deontae Esters of Hickman, black male, arrested, failure to appear.
- Ladrekus D. Moffatt of Hickman, black male, citation, speeding 71/55 mph zone.

- Elizabeth Gilbert of Hickman, black female, arrested, theft by deception including cold checks under \$500.



GUEST AT ROTARY IN FULTON - During a joint meeting at The Keg in Fulton of the Hickman and Fulton Rotary Clubs, Hickman President Betty Abernathy spoke briefly with Congressman Ed Whitfield. Whitfield addressed the group of Rotarians during the lunch meeting.

Bluff Briefs

Fulton County High School Open House

The Fulton County High School Open House has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 18, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Habitat Spaghetti Supper and Bake Sale

On Thursday, Feb. 27 Habitat for Humanity of Fulton and Hickman counties will be hosting a Spaghetti Supper and Bake Sale at the Life Enrichment Center of the First United Methodist Church in Hickman. It will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 for the supper, 3 and under are free. Carry outs available.

Saturday League Basketball

Saturday League Basketball games will continue in the Fulton County High School gymnasium on Saturdays. Come on out and support your future Pilot and Lady Pilots basketball players.

Fulton Rotary Benefit Golf Scramble

The Fulton Rotary Club will sponsor a Benefit Golf Scramble on Friday, May 2, beginning at 1:00 p.m., at the Fulton Country Club. This event is limited to 36 teams, at \$300 per 4-person team (includes cart and green fee, entry fee, lunch, mulligans, and throws). Lunch will be served from 11:30 - 12:45. Prize for hole-in-one is \$10,000 and other on course prizes. Contact Sam Miller 270-472-2800 to enter a team, or to sponsor a hole for \$50, make a donation of money, or donate a door prize. All proceeds go to the local Rotary Scholarship Fund.

Black History Program to be held

A Black History program, originally scheduled in February, has been rescheduled. The new date will be Sunday, March 9, at 2:30 p.m., at Thomas Chapel Church.

Fulton Countians serving overseas

The Fulton County Judge’s office is compiling a list of Fulton Countians serving overseas. If you know of any one please call the judge’s office at 270-236-2594 and let them know.

SENATOR STAN HUMPHRIES

(R-CADIZ)

Representing the 1st District including representing Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Lyon and Trigg counties.



Senator Stan Humphries’ Legislative Update

We have passed the midpoint of the General Assembly, and the activity has continued to be energetic and fast paced.

Educational success is critical in our state. Senate Bill 54 passed and will help children be better-prepared for kindergarten. Statistics and data show that early childhood education is critical to future academic success. A recent state screening showed only 49 percent of Kentucky’s children were kindergarten-ready when they entered school. However, students who go through preschool programs have much higher readiness. Senate Bill 54 would permit children to attend preschool for 15 hours per week, rather than 9, without changing licensing requirements. This measure would benefit preschool-aged children with two extra days of instruction, equipping them for kindergarten and giving a foundation for future academic success.

On the other end of the age spectrum, we worked to protect our vulnerable adults this week. Senate Bill 98 would require entities that provide personal care services to vulnerable adults to query the Cabinet for Health and Family Services for a prospective employee, contractor, or volunteer to find out if the prospect has been the subject of a validated substantiated finding of adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation. An individual can also request the registry for a potential employer.

Another piece of legislation that passed Thursday is Senate Bill 119. This bill sets up a medical review panel for lawsuits against healthcare providers. It consists of three doctors and their opinion is admissible to court. It is not a finding of law or an opinion. This measure will help prevent frivolous lawsuits, protect victims that are taken advantage of by unscrupulous attorneys and keep healthcare providers focused on what they need to do rather than worrying about entering into unnecessary litigation.

To help small businesses and consumers seeking small loans, we passed Senate Bill 114, which would allow small lenders to raise interest from two to three percent on loans not exceeding \$15,000. The current law has not been adjusted since 1982, and this update allows these financial lenders to continue meeting the needs of consumers that are a higher risk. The measure passed unanimously in the Senate Wednesday.

Not every piece of legislation we take up is far-reaching or complex. Some are simple, common-sense measures aimed at making subtle improvement, like House Bill 181. Passed unanimously, this bill would allow broken eggs packaged for sale to be replaced with eggs of the same type, size and sell-by date. This egg lot consolidation would be completed by someone registered and trained by the Department of Agriculture. This is just a small way to help eliminate needless waste of our food products.

Our committee meetings and chamber proceedings are open to the public, aired on KET, streamed live and archived online at www.ket.org. If you can’t drive up, then I hope you will tune in.

Please continue to contact me with your issues and concerns. You may call my office in Frankfort at 800-372-7181 or e-mail me at Stan.Humphries@lrc.ky.gov. You can also follow the work of our caucus on twitter at @kysenategop. I appreciate your time and input.

Thank You

I would like to thank Roger Gordon for his roadside assistance following the accident I had on Saunders Lane. I appreciate your help very much.

Marilyn Sansom



Photo by Charles Choate

SENIOR HONORS - Five Fulton County Pilots were honored during the final home basketball game last week. During Senior Night ceremonies, school officials, coaches and fans congratulated the careers of (l-r) Delraysha Alexander, Octavious Smith, Quinn Nolan, Oshay Freeman and Anna-Reid Garrigan.



Photo by Charles Choate

CHEER PERFORMANCE - High flying moves were part of the Pilots cheerleader routine during a Senior Night performance last week. Shown on the mid-air move are Darcy Patrick and Amy Langford (left), with Leah Rash on the front right.



SOON TO BE MANUFACTURING IN FULTON - (At right) Congressman Ed Whitfield (left) listens as Paul Ankenbrand, KAYSER USA COO, describes and shows the Congressman one of the parts that will soon be manufactured at the Fulton facility. It was announced back in August 2013 that KAYSER planned to invest \$17.5 million in the facility and hire up to 120 employees.

TOURING THE KAYSER FACILITY - (At left) On Tuesday, Feb. 18 Congressman Ed Whitfield toured the KAYSER facility in Fulton. Chatting out in front of the KAYSER USA building before looking at the improvements made to the facility were (l to r) Paul Ankenbrand, KAYSER USA COO; Christina Ankenbrand, Director of Quality KAYSER USA; Congressman Ed Whitfield; and Janece Everett, Field Staff for the Congressman. Governor Steve Beshear announced KAYSER's plan to come to Fulton back in August.



Photo by Charles Choate

PILOT ROUTINE - The Fulton County High School cheerleaders performed their halftime routine at the final home game of the season last week. Team members include Amy Langford, Brooke Coffey, Annagrace Ligans, Darcy Patrick, Anna-Reid Garrigan, Leah Rash and Halley Stewart.

SENIOR Spotlight



O'Shay Freeman

Parent's names: Tomake Freeman
Brothers name: Shon Freeman
Sports you play (if any): Basketball
Position you play: Guard
Favorite thing about your sport (what makes you enjoy playing): Shooting the ball and chilling with my teammates.
Plans after graduation: Going to college
Clubs, activities, accomplishments, and etc.: FFA for one year and 21st Century for two years.

Something interesting about yourself: I'm fun to be around and you will never get bored being around me.

Fondest memory while at Fulton County High School: Me falling in the lunchroom.

FCHS Class of 2014



Vicious Pierce

Parent's names: Jenny Pierce and Kenyon Pierce
Brothers and sisters names: Kenyon Pierce, Jr., Shae Frame, R.I.P. Jalissa Kinney, Tiera Mackins, B.J. Adams, Denisha Pierce, Johnny, Charmaine, Anala Gaston
Sports you play (if any): Volleyball and Basketball
Position you play: Basketball - center; Volleyball - front row
Favorite thing about your sport (what makes you enjoy playing): Basketball - being competitive and Volleyball - spiking the ball.

Church and/or community involvement: Johnson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

Plans after graduation: Attend Murray State University for physical training.

Favorite part of school: Doing work to improve myself.

Something interesting about yourself: I'm funny and cool also.

Fondest memory while at FCHS: Mrs. Roberts class.

The Emancipation Proclamation

ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL

January 1, 1863

The Emancipation Proclamation was an executive order issued by President Abraham Lincoln more than 150 years ago, during the Civil War.

The Proclamation freed the slaves in the Confederate states. It also ordered the federal government to do all it could to keep the ex-slaves free and the military to accept the free slaves as Union soldiers and pay them for their service.

Critics of the Proclamation say that Lincoln should have freed the slaves in all of the states. In states like Missouri and Kentucky, which were considered Border States because there was sympathy for both the Union and the Confederacy, the slaves were not freed.

Lincoln's critics then and today argue that this shows that the Emancipation Proclamation was more of a political maneuver than a sincere desire on Lincoln's part to free the slaves.

By the end of the war, however, The Proclamation had influenced Americans to advocate for and accept the abolition of all slavery in both the North and South. Less than two years later, the 13th Amendment was passed ending slavery in the United States.

Lincoln considered The Proclamation the most important aspect of his legacy. He said "If my name ever goes into history it will be for this act, and my whole soul is in it."



AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT FOR HUMAN FREEDOM

- Lincoln actually issued the Emancipation Proclamation twice. On Sept. 22, 1862, he issued a preliminary proclamation giving the southern states until Jan. 1 to cease the rebellion. When the Confederates did not yield, he issued the final Emancipation Proclamation on Jan. 1, 1863.
- Lincoln's Cabinet initially resisted his idea for The Proclamation. It was only after the Battle of Antietam, which gave the Union an advantage, that it was persuaded. The Emancipation Proclamation was issued five days later.
- The Emancipation Proclamation changed the Civil War from a war to save the Union to a war for freedom, adding a moral force to strengthen the Union effort.
- It was the first step toward freeing all slaves and the eventual passage of the 13th Amendment, which made slavery unconstitutional.
- Throughout his life, Lincoln spoke against the evils of slavery and the need to make the words in the Declaration of Independence about all men are created equal a true statement about our country. The Emancipation Proclamation turned his words into action.
- The Emancipation Proclamation gave great hope to slaves everywhere that there was freedom in their future.



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CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.2,
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.3,
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.4,
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.10

USE THE NEWS!

- What do the words *emancipation* and *proclamation* mean? Using the newspaper, find words that could be used as synonyms for these words.
- What is an executive order? Search your local newspaper or an online newspaper for examples of the President's activities or speeches and brainstorm about what might be the topic of a future executive order.
- Do you think that the phrase *all men are created equal* is true for all groups of people living in the United States in the 21st century? Using a newspaper, find examples that show both sides of this issue—that we, as a nation, are moving toward equality for all but that there is still need for improvement.

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ALMOST BARREN - Just one vehicle is at the Hickman Pipe and Tube Plant located in West Hickman. They ceased operations during the second week of October, with only Todd Eddington remaining.

Plant

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United States”. So hopefully things can turn around for us here.”

Hickman Pipe and Tube was forced to cease operations the second week of October, with all remaining employees let go, with the exception of Eddington.

“They have had me here to maintain all of the machinery and to prevent freezing during the winter months.”

A possible hint of good

news has come recently at the plant, with an interested group arriving in Hickman to explore the possibility of purchasing the facility and beginning production of the sprinkler system.

“They have been here a couple of times and I have run some product for them to inspect the machinery. An engineer has also been here, and each time they seem very happy with what we have to offer. If this group does make the purchase, they plan to

expand the operation to include additional products, which can only be better for us.”

Eddington said it was anticipated that the current ownership is going to make some type of decision in March on just what will become of the riverfront plant.

“My hope is that some how we begin making pipe again. If that happens, that means jobs for people and a saved industry for the city.”

Distillery

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assisting Jamieson on this project.

“This could definitely be historic when the facility opens,” reiterates Jamieson. He couldn’t find anyone who was around when a new distillery was erected on a completely new site in Kentucky.

Jamieson also envisions a welcome center on the site nestled within the farm of Tommy Hepler. Hepler, now residing in Union City, Tenn., is originally from Fulton County and owns the farmland that surrounds Jamieson’s distillery.

“The Lord couldn’t have dropped me into a nicer community,” Jamieson commented as he talked about the other landowners surrounding his distillery. He mentioned Hepler, but also the Amberg Family and the Coffeys.

“They have all helped me out at different times of need,” noted Jamieson. “Many great folks within the community.”

Another person who went to bat for Jamieson was Fulton County Judge/Executive David Gallagher. “He went all the way to the Governor’s office when



This is a view from near the top of the 60 foot tower at the Jamieson Distillery looking toward Hickman, Ky.

we were working to get approval for this project.” Jamieson also added that the Governor sided with him when he was trying to obtain the approval for his distillery.

You can tell that this project, which appears to be a labor of love, is really something that Jamieson has worked hard to see come to fruition. “It sits on a beautiful, high ridge,” he said. “When you climb to the top of the 60 feet+ tower you can see for miles into Missouri, Kentucky, Arkansas and Tennessee.” The tower contains an all copper column still, 20 feet tall, manufactured by Vendome Copper and Brass Works of Louisville, Ky. After viewing the copper column, which is beginning to take on a

color of it’s own, a climb up a ladder did reveal a beautiful view looking into Hickman, which is approximately two miles away from the distillery.

It seems to be an ideal location, being situated equal distances from St. Louis, Nashville, and Memphis. “It is only a short distance from the I-69 interchange and the Dorena-Hickman Ferry provides travelers a convenient way to travel to and from Missouri on US Hwy 55.

Jamieson added that he also cites the benefit of good water, power and gas as other factors when he decided on the location of his distillery where he hopes to be producing bourbon real soon.

Academy

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(ATC) and community partners, the program is expanding and becoming even more viable for the students.

Another key factor in the success of the program, which at FCHS is known as the Pilot Academy, is the students. “I can see what is happening with my students,” stated FCHS Assistant Principal and Dean of Students Ellen Murphy during a Pilot Academy Celebration on Friday. “There is a change in culture.” She added that the confidence of the students is building with more and more of them receiving A’s and B’s on dual credit courses that they take while in high school, earning college credit.

Two seniors, Annesha Jackson and Anna-Reid Garrigan will complete their high school careers, while obtaining 48 college hours. “They will enter college at MSU as sophomores,” Murphy said excitedly. “One of them, Anna-Reid is just one class away from applying to nursing school.”

“The Pilot Academy is so important,” added ATC Principal Terry Sullivan. “We are here to transition these students to college or tech school from here. We want them to come back to work and live in this community.”

Sullivan added that College and Career Readiness figures, which have been on the increase, look even more promising this year. “Getting them on a career pathway their freshman year helps them to become more successful,” noted Sullivan.

“We will be here to continue to assist them along their pathway,” added Dr. Lisa Stephenson, KCTCS Dual Credit Director. “We want to help the students start at one place and finish at another. We can see the administration’s and students’ passion and pride for the program.”

“The students can do anything they want to do, be whatever they can be,” added Lorry Beth Wilson from WKCTC. “This is real and with your (community) assistance the students are realizing that they can go to college. You are the steps to this future, continue to push them.”

“We can’t help without you (community),” added Gina Winchester from MSU, “When you investment in them it will come back to you ten fold within

the next 10 years.”

Focus then turned to the students. One by one they stood up among their peers and the community thanking everyone who has played a part in their evident successes, especially the community.

Jackson, one of those students with the 48 college hours, was the first to speak. “I had a rocky start when I first started taking dual credit classes,” she said, “but at the end of the year I will have 48 college hours and when I went to GSP over the summer and I told the other students that I was able to take the classes for free and they couldn’t believe it, I knew that I loved somewhere special. Not everyone gets this chance.”

Jackson looked over at the juniors and advised them to take advantage of all the opportunities the Pilot Academy provides for them.

Thomas Price, a little nervous at first, also spoke up, thanking retired ATC Principal Tom Pyron and Sullivan. He also thanked Sullivan for improving the appearance at the ATC. “I am working on my industry certification,” he said proudly.

David Jones, came to FCHS approximately 2 1/2 years ago. “When I came to Fulton County my GPA was 1.6,” he said. “Now it is 3.5 and I am taking College English and working on obtaining my IS3 certification.” Jones recently enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Sasha Montgomery, who wants to major in Elementary Education, thanked Murphy, FCHS Principal Tracey Lamb, and Fulton County Elementary/ Middle School Principal Julie Jackson. She also showed her appreciation in Superintendent Aaron Collins encouraging her to retake the ACT, saying that she would reach that benchmark number of 18. “I had a 17,” she said, “but after Mr. Collins pushed me, I worked harder and I got my 18.”

Garrigan, the student who is one class away from nursing school, credits the classes that she took at the ATC for helping her find her chosen career path. “I am just one class away from enrolling in the nursing program at MSU,” she said, as she thanked everyone involved in the Pilot Academy.

“It is helping me become a

better public speaker,” added Ricky Bagley. “Taking these dual credit courses is also giving me a glimpse into what college is really like.”

Juniors Linsey Grissom and Amy Langford also expressed their gratitude. Grissom is now CPR certified and Langford, who is on a similar career path as Grissom, is taking Public Speaking like Bagley.

Lamb, who has been FCHS Principal for the last three years, closed the celebration with figures that further cement the success of the Pilot Academy. “Mrs. Ellen Murphy and I started at FCHS together in our current positions three years ago,” said Lamb. “Our joint purpose was to put Fulton County Schools on the map academically and provide the best possible education for our students.”

She contributed the close collaboration with the ATC and the existing partnerships with WKCTC and MSU, as to some of the success of the program.

Lamb closed with the numbers that tell the real story. Such as the following:

- In 2010, 35% of the students were classified as College and Career Ready, now in 2013 the percentage sits at 51.2%
- In 2009-10 only 12 dual credit courses were offered at the ATC. Today there are more than double that available at 21.
- In 2011 when the high school came on board with dual credit, FCHS offered a choice of 14 dual credit courses. Today they offer 30, more than doubling the original number.
- Combined efforts at the ATC and FCHS reflects an increase of 12 dual credit courses to now more than 44 courses available, more than tripling what they started offering three years ago.

Lamb thanked everyone that has contributed to the success story of the Pilot Academy. “With our collaborative efforts and our partnerships, we have taken FCHS from being in the bottom 5 percentile in the state to the 62 percentile in the state,” she added. “What that translates to is that out of 231 high schools in Kentucky, FCHS has moved up 66 spots in ranking from 221st in the state to being 155th in a single year. FCHS had the single biggest increase in percentile ranking of all high schools in the state.”



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